ICH Meeting Notes

Committee: Public Awareness

Date/Time: October 6, 9:00 am

Location/Type: Phone-in

Chair: David Binner

Note-taker: Tim Wilson

Committee Members: Karen Hyatt

Others: Amber Lewis, IFA

There was no quorum. The group took the following actions and responsibility for follow-up regarding the draft letter to the governor, which was the sole purpose of the meeting:

Paragraph 2: "as well as" was replaced by "toward"

Paragraph 2: D. Binner will develop language to be inserted that highlights the disparity in available services from area to area within the state and makes clear the need for coordinated entry throughout the state.

Paragraph 3: T. Wilson will insert a sentence defining "functional homelessness" and highlighting progress in housing homeless veterans.

Paragraph 5 (bullet points): "state and" was inserted between "of" and "federal" in the 2nd bullet point. 5th bullet point was deleted.

- K. Hyatt will create an introductory sentence for the bullet points.
- K. Hyatt will re-work 1st bullet point to refine it somewhat.
- K. Hyatt will rephrase 4th bullet point to emphasize fact that domestic violence and mental health are causes of homelessness.

Data section: T. Wilson will contact Dr. Stover-Wright at Institute for Community Alliances re specifics to include.

Final paragraphs: S. Munsterman-Robinson will provide date pending confirmation with Capitol staff.

K. Hyatt pointed out that Iowa is one of just 13 states not to match federal dollars for PATH program serving Iowans with mental health issues, a program under threat of cuts in Congress at the moment.